THE BLUE VALLEY QUEEN.

ANCIENT INDIAN LEGEND CONCERN-ING THE MILFORD SPRINGS.

Love, Jealousy and Revenge the Important Ingredients - The Chief's Lovely Daughter Chooses Between Two Bucks. Assassination and Vengennee,

While wandering about the Lithium springs, just at the edge of the little village Milford, one day, the writer remarked the large number of Indians in the vicinity. An inquiry developed the fact that the regenerated savages of the Omaha, Otoe and Pawnee tribes pay frequent visits to that locality and always carry off with them jugs and bottles of the water. The signit of a half dollar and before. So that it would be fair to say that a little persistent questioning induced an ugly warrior, with a six word name, to tell why they came so far from their reservations to partake of the water. His story is one of the legends of the tribe, and was as follows, minus the broken language used:

Many years ago the Otoes and Pawnees were united under one tribal organization, and were presided over by a wise chieftain named Quenchaqua. Under his leadership happiness and prosperity reigned. Their vil-lages were surrounded by fields of corn and their buts filled with the skins of the buffalo

Quenchaqua had a daughter, who was called Shogo, the fairest and sweetest of the prairie flowers. The trophies of the chase adorned her wigwam, and she was known and honored for her beauty far and wide. Among the young chieftains of the ailied tribes, none more assiduous in their attentions to the fair young princess than Kalhama, or the Pawnees, and Popotne, of the Otoes. Both of these youthful warriors were brave and noble, as warriors go, and for a long time Shogo was unable to make any distinction in her affections between them. At last, however, she decided in her inmost heart that, while she was very fond of Popotne, she liked Kalhama better. In this comparative judgment the aged chieftain, Quenchaqua, coincided. As is ever the case, the course of true love did not run smooth, and trouble ensued between the hithorto friendly tribes very soon after the espousal of Kalhama and

A division of territory became necessary Big Blue river, and the Pawnees a broad expanse of territory west of the river. The prairie on each side of the river for quite a failure.
width remained heutral. Experience prompt. The os continued in effect until the death of Quenchequa, which, according to the most authentic accounts, must have occurred some time prior to the time when the Spanish general, Coronado, entered the territory now known ns Nebraska in quest of the seven cities of Cibolo and the magnificent capital of the far famed King Tartarnax.

The death of the great chieftain was followed by several years of estrangement, Finally Popotne sent a swift messenger to the camp of Kalhama and requested him to meet the Otoes in council assembled at the Salt Licks for the purpose of an amicable adjustment of the difficulty. The Pawnee chieftain, ever ready to form a union with his powerful brother, obeyed the request, and taking with him a few of his wise counselors wended his way toward the rising sun to the appointed place of meeting, buoyed on by the interome Shogo, whose queenly bravery, as she rode her spotted pony toward the scene of her early childhead, dispelled any dark forebodings that might have lurked in the breast of Kalbama as he thought of meeting his old rival. Arriving at the designated spot, the weary travelers quenched their thirst at the bubbling springs and exchanged greetings with their brother brayes.

The. nes of their beauteous Shogo aroused a dormant feeling of jealousy in the Otoe chieftain, and despite his good intentions the preponderance of native treachery inspired him to deal a stealthy blow at Kalhama, who succumbed to the unlooked for attack. The deed was done; but the aveng-ing spirit of the aged Quenchaqua arose from e spring and slew Popotne and put to flight his warriors, who were about to follow the example of wheir beader in waging a war of annihilation on their defenseless guests. The spirit of Quenchaqua, sending the temahawk of the dead slayer, washed the blood stains away in the waters which were immediately turned to bitterness. It was decreed by the outraged spirit that the water should be unfit for man or beast until many summers and winters had passed away.

Then, turning with the weeping Shogo and her followers, the party sorrowfully departed in the direction of the setting sun. One-half day's travel brought them to a rapidly flowing stream, where waters sparkled over rocky beds, shadowed by gigantic trees and winding hanging from the caves. "Oh, what a beau-vines. Proceeding to the western bank of the tiful Christmas custom!" she exclaimed, as river the spirit of Quenchaqua-smote the rock she came hurrying down stairs. "The canunder a huge elm tree and out sprang a crystal fountain of pure water, over which the sad hearted Snogo presided, healing the wounded and curing the sick of the nation until the Big Medicine Water came to be regarded by the savages as a ganacea for all of the Blue valley. Her good deeds and self sacrificing devotion to her people resounded throughout the nation, and she was the reone who had direct communication with the his usually stolid face.

A high promontory, situated a few hundred yards south of the Big Medicine Water, adorned by stately cake and overlooking Kego rapids, where the waters of the river wash the sepulchered banks, was the quiet retreat of Shogo as she watched the rising sun and appeared to held secret communion with the departed Prince Kalhama. This habit gave prominence to her supposed supernatural powers, and this picture-que elevation was held sacred by her dusky followers. Years passed away, and a strange people, clad in helmets and armor of brass, came from the south in portion of Gen. Coronado's army), and, bearing the sad story of the In-dian queen, persuaded her that the one she mourned now inhabited the happy hunting grounds many hundred miles to the southwest, beyond mountains and streams.

of a dreary march for the sake of joining the companion of her youth and hasband Thus allured she was persuaded to accompany the cavaliers with a few trusted followers, and after the sacrifice of a few spotted to mount up by a succession of slanting cable ting the occasion. It was several miles across fawn on the promentary and the dedication roads, forming a zigzag, to a height of some the prairies to the residence of the Laughlins, and the big horse was brought out, but it was she bade them farewell forever, nevermore to be seen, but ever worshiped as the guardian a hotel for the excursionists who are expected spirit. Thus ends the legend.

The Big Medicine Water is the Lithium springs at Milford, and the place where the case, and a separate railroad for each step, rudely awakened spirit of Quenchaqua turnod the waters into bitternos was the site upon which Lincoln now stands. Even to this day the Indians make frequent visits to Queen Shogo's realm at Milford, but not one of them can be persunded to taste of the water from the sulphur well in Government square in this city.-Lincoln (Neb.) Special in New York Tribune.

Wonderful Human Mechanism.

Science, says Sir James Paget, will supply the natural man with womlers uncounted. The author had once heard Mile, Janotha play a presto by Mendelszehn. She played 5,595 notes in four minutes and three seconds. Every one of these notes involved certain sents of a finger, at least two, and many of them involved an additional movement laterally as well as those up and down. They also involved repeated movements of the wrists, elbows and arms, altogether probably. not less than one movement for each note. Therefore, there were three distinct movements for each note, as there were twenty-four notes per second, and each of these notes

involved three distinct musical movements

that amounted to seventy-two movements in each second. Moreover, each of those notes was determined by the will to a chosen place, with a certain force at a certain time and with a certain duration. Therefore there were four distinct qualities in each of the seventy-two movements in each second. Such were the transmissions outward. And all those were conditional on consciousness of the position of each hand and each finger before it was moved, and by moving it of the sound and the force of each touch. There-

fore, there were three conscious sensations

for every note. There were seventy-two transmissions per second, one hundred and forty-four to and fro, and those with constant change of quality. And then, added to that, all the time emory was remembering each note in there were not less than two hundred transmissions of nerve force to and from the brain outward and inward every second, and during the whole of that time judgment was being exercised as to whether the music was being played better or worse than before, and the mind was conscious of some of the motions which the music was intended to inspire.-Popular Science Monthly.

Habits of Ostriches.

There are certain old traditions about the ostrich which, I have been told by the owner of the California ranch, are fallacious. He says that the ostrich does not bury his head in the sand and imagine he is unobserved by his enemies. On the contrary he is a very pugnacious bird and always ready for a fight. Nor does the female ostrice lay her eggs in the sand for the sun to hatch them. To do them justice, they are quite domestic and deserve a better reputation. Nor is the ostrich ever used for riding, as he has an exceptionally weak back; any person might break it

with a blow from an ordinary cane. His strength lies in his great breast and his feet. He has one great claw and a very small one, and with a terrible precision he can bring down the large claw with a cruel force that will tear open anything not made of sheet

Savage birds at best, they are dangerously so during breeding time. The twenty-two birds brought to our California ranch trusted their summer south of the equator. It being and the Otoes were given the land east of the the rainy season, their nests were filled with water and the eggs were chilled; so the first

The ostrich makes its nest by rolling in the Width remained fientral. Experience promptTy proved the folly of separation, and, while
maintaining individual organizations, the
two tribes again came to an amicable undertwo tribes again came to an amicable understanding, whereby, in case of an invasion, a for the use of the birds, though the land is union of forces was assured. This treaty divided off into pens, fenced in, each about horse could travel over it without breaking an acre in extent, for the use of the breeding through. birds, every pair occupying one such in-

> The ostriches live upon alfalfa and corn. a crop some six times a year.—St. Nicholas.

without having seen or heard of them, I will minated. teil you half their ages," said a prominent citi- It was as severe on the settlers of that day

lous bystander.

"Simply by the initials of their names. In the first place you must remember that about half of the male population of this country have been named after presidents of the United States or candidates for president, and all you have to do is to know when these presidential candidates were at the senith of the carry vioneers of Sangamon country,

For instance, here is the name of W. H. elected president in 1838, consequently Mr. get the license that would permit the minis-Johnson is about 53 years old. Here is W. ter to tie the knot. Scott Smith—Winfield Scott ran for president in 1852. Smith is therefore about 37 way across the prairie from a point on Sugar about 33 years old. And so on. By studying the Christian names of men you can figure out the ages of many of them very closely."—Punxsutawney Spirit.

Cold Weather Novelties.

A Cuban girl who had never seen icicles ment a winter in a northern city for the study of music. She woke on Christmas norning and was astonished at seeing for the first time in her life the long, pendant fringes delabra look lovely hanging from the roof all ready for the Illumination

A little California girl, finding snow in the piazza corners one morning, and supposing it to be a new sort of flour, made up several 'patty cakes," and gravely took them into the kitchen to cook them.

cipient of many beners and worshipped as cook stood by the range with a bread grin on and horse-with the big overcoat like a sheet

"Fire enter Lily's cooky," answered the

niling Sam.

After the little girl's mother had been called, and had explained the mystery, Sam told how he also had once been deceived as to the nature of snow.

Sam had been a laundryman in San Francisco when he first came to America, and it a rousing fire and "thawel" apart; the overwas quite natural that he should apply the unknown substance to the uses of his trade.

After warming himself he proceeded unknown substance to the uses of his trade. here," he said. "Me findee heap snow down San Fan'sco one day. Me catchee pan full, all samee starch! Hot water! Starch all soon he was ready to proceed homeward. gone, all sames Lily's cooky."-Youth's Com-

She was willing to undergo the hardships tack upon that hitherto virgin peak of the morning with a consciousness of faithfulness Alps, the Jungfrau. They propose to conlaken to Lauterbrunnen as far as Stockeltweive thousand feet, landing nearly at the summit of the mountain, where there will be found that he could not proceed on horseto make the trip by thousands daily. There and the home of his affianced was reached "op will have to be five steps to the great stair-time." making five changes of cars necessary to reach the summit.

> T. B. Smythes, who has made important geological discoveries in Indiana, says there is a great lake under part of that state. He says: "I was sinking a well on my place in Orange county when suddenly the drill knocked a piece out of the bottom and disappeared. Through the opening cold, clear wa-ter rushed, filling the well to the depth of twenty feet. At this level it stands. I have pumped water for hours, using a steam en-gine once, and the water does not lower an nch. One day I drew up a fish in a bucket of water." The section where the lake exists is hilly, full of gulches and caves. It is there that Lost river, a considerable stream, sinks away and finally disappears altogether.

> Over Enough. A gentleman said to a large crowd of people that was pouring out of a public hall:

> "What's going on inside?"
> "A humorous lecture," was the reply.
> "Is it over already, it's only 9 o'clock?" "No," shouted the half over."—Epoch. ted the crowd, "it's only about

AN OLD TIME BLIZZARD.

RECOLLECTIONS OF A STORM OF OVER FIFTY YEARS AGO.

Came With a Low, Bellowing Noise, Accompanied by Electric Pyrotechnics and an ley Breath-From Thaw to Freeze in Five Minutes-A Plucky Bridegroom. The memory of but few of the pioneers of restern Illinois and eastern Iowa will carry

them back with me to December 20, 1836, the date of the long time remembered sudden change, the most remarkable in meteorogical annals that is recorded, and now only found in a few old files of the newspapers of that day and referred to in some of the histories of that time.

For several days previous, up to the 19th, it had been what we in Illinois and Iowa call "snug winter weather." Snow had fallen to the depth of three or four inches, the sleighing was fairly good and the settlers were improving it by hauling firewood, rails and building material from the "timber lots" to their homes and to their newly improved farms. On the 19th the weather moderated, and in the early evening it clouded up and during the night and early morning of the 20th it rained moderately, accompanied by thunder and lightning.

The snow was melting from the influence of the springlike weather and the rain, and had become "slush" snow, mud and water. This continued to near 11 o'clock in the morning, when off to the northwest was observed a dark, heavy cloud. As it rose toward the zenith it spread west and north, accompanied by a low, bellowing noise, "as the sound of far off waters falling into deep abysses." As the cloud spread it became inky black, the thunder increased, the lightning played, making a grand pyrotechnic display from

this artillery practice in the sky.

The commotion increased. The air seemed resonant with the tumult of the elements and the bellowing sound as from the bowels of the earth increased. It was everywhere—pervaded space. "Could not tell whence it ame or whither it went," A dusky darkness spread over the earth, the thunder and lightning still continuing. Then the wind oke loose and spready its icy presence over to their instinct and laid their eggs during the land—"the December thaw" was at an the California winter, which corresponded to end. Winter claimed dominion, showed his power by his coldness, and clasped earth and

space in his embrace.

The thunder and lightning ceased, as did season of their American sojourn was a the bellowing sound, but the clear cut, piercing wind came with freezing power from the

Great was the suffering among the people This change from a balmy, springilke atmosphere to that of an arctic coldness found Alfalfa is a grass cultivated all over the ranch. It resembles our clover and grows to prairies without overcoats, gloves or mittens, and were badly frozen before they could reach their homes. Some were frozen How to Tell a Man's Age by His Name. to death. Stock—horses, cattle and swine-"Give me a list of the names of the men in were frozen, and the birds and animals of my city or town in this country, and ever the prairies and forests were almost exter-

n yesterday.
"How can you do that?" asked an increduwas to the people of that territory. Before closing this inadequate description of the "Simply by the initials of their names. In "sudden change," I will describe the priva-

their popularity. Of course, exceptions must of the early pioneers of Sangamon county, be made of George Washington and Andrew had concluded the courting of Miss Isabel Jackson, for people have not quit naming Laughlin on the 19th, they agreeing to "ortheir boys after these illustrious man to this ganize a family." He had asked consent of the parents of the bride-elect, the wedding Johnson-William Henry Harrison was day being necessary to go to Springfield and

ears old. The next name on the list is A. creek, some ten miles south of Springfield. L. North-Abraham Lincoln was elected He bestrode a stalwart horse, as the roads president in 1860. Mr. North is therefore were deep with melting snow, "slush," and about 28 years of age. Now take the next- as it was raining he carried a broad um-M. F. Smathers. Millard Fillmore was a brella over him and wore a long tailed overandidate for president in 1856. M. F. coat "all buttoned down before" that almost Smathers is, therefore, in all probability, reached his feet. Thus comfortably equipped he pursued his way, taking it easy, as he did not choose to urge the horse through the deep slush.

When he had gone over half way he noticed, off to the far northwest, the cloud rising that I have described. It came nearer apace with all the phenomenal beliewing sounds-cloud of inky blackness, thunder and lightning and general commotion of the elements; then the wind burst, during which time he had lowered his umbrella, taking but a moment. But presto, change! When gathering up his bridle reins he found them stiff as an iron poker; the water and "slush" were ice, and in less than fifteen minutes his horse walked on top of the congesled mass.

Carefully but slowly he wended his way on to Springfield and, stopping in front of a store on the west side of the square, he tried to dismount. Not much. His clothing, his long tailed overcoat that had served him such She put them on the top of the range at the a good purpose, and his pantaloons all were back, and went out at once for more "dough." frozen fast to the saddle and that to the horse, When she returned her mother's Chinese and centaur like they were one-man, saddle iron casement encircling them all. He called "O Sam, did you go and eat my cookies;" loudly for help and two men came out of the

They "took in the situation," examined the "subject," and finally one of the men felt along the saddle girt, found that the animal heat had kept the saddle girt limber. He unbuckled it, and by the united effort of the two saddle and man were "peeled" from the horse and carried into the store, placed before "Me no findee snow a' China, all sames to the clerk's office, procured the necessary document, went to the hotel, ate a hearty dinner, his horse having been cared for, and

The ice was so slippery he dare not try to ride, so turned the horse loose before him, followed on foot, and in the shades of the even-French engineers are planning for an at- ing arrived at the house he had left in the to promise-duty well performed.

On the morrow, the day of days—the 21st— when his Isabel was to become Mrs. Crowder, berg, at the foot of the Jungtrau, and thence he was up betimes, clothed in raiment befftback and Washington took his way on foot

The friends were gathered, the minister ready and the words were spoken that made one of two happy hearts that the sudden "change" could not keep apart. Young in life then, they lived long, raised a worthy family, and in later years stood among the "Old Settlers" as good citizens, and, passing away, left a sweet memory behind them, not the least being the recellections of the "sudden change."—Jeriah Bonham in Burlington Hawkeye. ready and the words were spoken that made

Billy Emerson's Team.

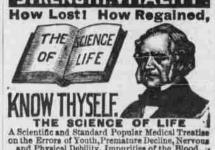
I joined a group in the Startevant house, in the center of which was illily Einerson, the minstrel. He was relating to his listeners some of his experiences on the road. "In my early days," he was saying, "I was a member of a little band of minstrels whose modesty was in perfect keeping with its size. We will played the smaller towns, and every afternoon, rain or shine, we gave our parade. As I was the star I insisted that, in order to give tone to the company, the manager and I should had the process sion in a carriage. Well, I had my way and there was always a scramble on the manager's part, as soon as we reached a stand, to get the best looking carriage and

"We were to play in a little town out west one night, and had secured from the only livery establishment in the place the pair of borses which were also used in the town hearse. Well, there was a funeral that day, but the stable keeper, who was an Irishman, promised faithfully to be on hand at the tavern by 2 o'clock. The members of the company, surrounded by a crowd of gaping rustics, were standing out on the plank walk waiting for the start, and I was on the porch waiting impatiently for 'me coach.' At 1:59 o'clock I looked down the road in the direction of the stable and discovered an open carriage with two horses on a dead run, driven by our Irish friend, who yelled out to me as he reined in his panting steeds before door: "Av yez thought I wasn't coomin', sure yez don't know Pat Shea, for, be hev-ins, Pd been here on toime av Pd a had to brought the corpse wid mel"-New York

Compounding Engines.

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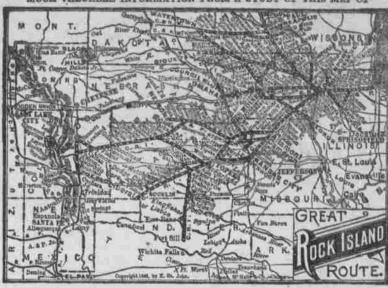
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